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MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
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SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Non-Medical Attendant Entitlement to Accompany TRICARE Prime Enrollees  
Referred for Distant Specialty Services

References: Section 706, FY02 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)  
Section 758, FY01 NDAA  
Health Affairs Policy Memorandum, June, 22, 2001

The FY02 NDAA, Section 706, provides for one necessary Non-Medical Attendant (NMA) to receive reimbursement for certain travel expenses when accompanying a non-active duty TRICARE Prime enrolled patient referred for medically necessary specialty care more than 100 miles away from the patient's Primary Care Manager (PCM). This provision supports and complements the TRICARE Prime travel entitlement authorized by Section 758 of the FY01 NDAA, which is addressed in a Health Affairs Policy Memorandum dated June 22, 2001.

Under the new provision, the NMA must be a parent, guardian, or another adult family member of the non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient. If the NMA is a parent or designated guardian of the Prime enrolled patient, he/she is not required to be 21 years of age or older. If the NMA is another adult family member, he/she is required to be 21 or older.

I request that you take the steps necessary to implement the new NMA entitlement. The NMA entitlement is retroactive to December 28, 2001.

I have attached a number of NMA "Questions and Answers" to provide you and your staff more in-depth information on this new entitlement. My point of contact for this program is Lt Col Jim Whitton, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Operations Directorate (OD) at (703) 681-0039.

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